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Mr. Thomas E. McSweeney
Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. McSweeney:

The Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Air Carrier Operations Issues Group was given a task to develop an advisory circular on fatigue countermeasures. A working group was established to perform this task.

This task has proceeded slowly for a number of reasons. We have recently been given a draft advisory circular by the working group. It has not received the appropriate FAA review and may need some additional technical work.

This draft AC was discussed at a recent meeting of the Air Carrier Operations Issues Group. The group decided to forward the draft AC to the FAA in the interest of expediency. There are now two courses of action: have the FAA complete the draft and publish it for comments or retask the Issues Group to complete the draft and forward it to the FAA for publication for comments. A great deal of effort and technical expertise has gone into this draft AC, it provides valuable and much-needed guidance, and work should be completed on it.

The Issues Group stands ready to assist in completing the draft AC.

Sincerely,

William W. Edmunds, Jr., Chairman
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Enclosure